

WHY I AM A CHRISTIAN
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I am a Christian because:

I am a sinner and need a Savior.

There have been great men and great leaders: Alexander the Great, Napoleon Bonaparte, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, etc. But none of them was a perfect person who willingly died for my sins, was accepted by God and rose from the dead to prove it, then ascended to Heaven because his work on Earth was done in regard to that aspect of my salvation. In John 17:4 Jesus said, "I have finished the work You gave Me to do."

I am a Christian because:

I am a saved sinner and need a guide.

I knelt one night many years ago, confessed my sins and asked the Lord Jesus to save me from the penalty of my sins. And He did what He promised. In Romans 10:13, "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" - but that is not the end of the story.

I am saved but I need help to live for the Lord today. He has supplied that help. He sent the Holy Spirit to abide with me forever (John 14:16). Not only that, but the Heavenly Father and Jesus Himself have also come to abide with me (John 14:23). So by their presence to help and by prayer and the Bible I have the best guides through life that it is possible to have.

Some think they can do it by themselves, but how foolish can you get? Give me that unbeatable combination (in the preceding paragraph) to get me through the maze of this life!

I am a Christian because:

I am a mortal sinner and will need resurrection life.

Who needs to be told that this life will not last forever? One of two things will happen. Either the Lord will return in rapturing power, like Enoch and Elijah experienced, and I (along with all believers) will be caught up to be with Him without experiencing death (I Thess. 4:13-18) (it is called the Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13)) - or the Lord may delay His coming and I will go through the Valley. My body will be placed in a temporary resting place. Even then the Holy Spirit will stay with that part of me (John 14:16 "dwell forever") while my soul and spirit go immediately to be with the Lord (Phil. 1:23).

But then - one day the Lord will come and my body will be raised (I Cor. 15:51-55), and so shall I ever be with the Lord (I Thess. 4:17).

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Now I can't do that by myself! But the Lord Himself, who has gone this way before, has promised to do this for me (John 11:25, 26).

So, I am a Christian because:

I am a sinner and need a Savior.

I am a saved sinner and need a guide.

I am a mortal sinner and will need resurrection life.

Are you with me?

Have you knelt at the foot of the cross and abandoned all to Him? It's free - the price is paid.

If not, will you join me?

You don't think you can do it all by yourself, do you? Admit your need. Sense the Savior's love for you. Say "Yes, I believe and accept." See Ephesians 2:8 and 9.

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